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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS BREAKS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MAURITIAN PAPERS JULY 6 CARRIED
AFP REPORT THAT MAURITIUS HAS SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, RELATIONS HAD BEEN
COOLING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND
MAURITIUS HAD NOT RESPONDED TO ISRAELI REQUESTS TO ACCREDIT
NEW ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. PRESS REPORTED THAT GOM ACTION OF
BREAKING RELATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN JULY 1 BEFORE THE
ISRAELI COMMANDO OPERATION IN UGANDA. HOWEVER, GOM HAS
NOT MADE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF RUPTURE. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. COMMENT: MINEXTAFF PERMANENT SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF
THAT PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM HAD INSTRUCTED MAURITIAN
EMBASSY IN LONDON TO INFORM ISRAELIS OF GOM DECISION TO
TERMINATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, APPARENTLY SOMETIME LAST
WEEK. GOM CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL AFTER OTHER AFRICAN STATES HAD SEVERED THEIR RELATIONS
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LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RESPECT RAMGOOLAM HAS FOR GOLDA

MEIR. RAM HAS COMMENTED THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW THE NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS IN ISRAEL AND HE HAS NOTICEABLY COOLED TOWARDS ISRAEL AS HIS FRIEND GOLDA MEIR LEFT ACTIVE POLITICS. IN RECENT MONTHS, GOM HAS UNDERTAKEN TO STRENGTHEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD. THE NEW GOM ALIGNMENT WITH THE ARABS AND AFRICAN OAU PRESSURE SEEM TO HAVE CONVINCED RAM THAT DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL WERE A LUXURY HE COULD NO LONGER AFFORD. RAM MAY ALSO HOPE THAT BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL HELP HOM WITH MOSLEM VOTERS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR.

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